

68 PUPILS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS IN FIRST GRADUATION AT NEW SCHOOL

PROF. ALLEN HOBEN IN EXCELLENT ADDRESS TO GRADUATES

DISPLAY ALLY FLAGS

INTERESTING PROGRAM AT THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES—URGENT AUDIENCE TO BUY LIBERTY BONDS

The thirty-ninth annual commencement exercises of the students of the Ottawa high school last evening at the school auditorium, was an epoch-making event. Sixty-eight graduates of the class of 1917, have the distinction of being the first to receive their diplomas in the new high school building, an occasion that has been looked forward to for years by members of the high school board and Ottawa's leading educators. About 1,200 people were present last night. The ceremonies last evening, and those a year ago, were very much different. Heretofore classes received their diplomas in the Gayety theater, which would never accommodate the large number that sought to attend. The stage setting this year was much different. Instead of a great display of flowers and potted plants there was the flags of the allies, something that drove home to the people that this nation was at war.

A graduation exercise without the high school orchestra would seem out of place, and Prof. John Hoff and his young musicians were at their best last evening.

The invocation was offered by Rev. G. W. Chessman, pastor of the First Baptist church. Miss Emily Palmer, member of the graduating class and talented young Ottawa vocalist, sang a beautiful number.

Prof. Hoben Speaker.
"Youth and the American Spirit," by Prof. Allen Hoben of the University of Chicago, was the subject of a very interesting discourse. The speaker interwove the progress of our country with the progress of youth. He tended to show the implicit fate of youth, their supreme confidence and their enthusiasm. He said in part:

"We regard our own country as a youth. We are the oldest of any republic that has undertaken the management of its own affairs by its citizens. Russia is in the infant state, and China is just beginning to cut its baby teeth. It is this idealistic state of mind upon which we are willing to face our destiny, with the judgment of the crowd. God and fate in humanity has been our watchwords. God is idealistic and inevitable. Smith, Jones and Brown, our neighbors, are subject to investigation. Youth believes he has confidence. Youth looks to the beautiful goals ahead and of ten underestimates the difficulties between the goals.

"Youth is characterized by an implicit fate, which too, is the spirit of democracy.

"As a nation we are emerging into a new state of existence. I believe we have passed the critical point. Our country is mobilizing to fight for freedom and democracy. This war has been the means of bringing home our conception of duty. The selective service will be a method by which each citizen may serve his country best to the greatest possibility.

"There is some parallel between the enthusiasm of a youth and a republic of this kind. Youth is the time when you don't only think you can do a thing, but you know you can do it—perhaps it is the only time. To youth this is an easy world. Presumptions, conceited, lovable youth with an honest belief in himself.

Sights War Preparations.

"Now that we are at war I do not believe that Uncle Sam is going up to this question single handed. In the spirit of the youth, he will say 'here goes' and he will strike for all that he's worth. I believe that we will excel the allies in our preparation for war. You young people may participate in all of this—let there be no idle hours.

"You are all financiers. I believe that everyone of you, without exception, will buy a Liberty Bond. The community demands that you go in partnership with Uncle Sam in this war. All he asked is a loan.

"I believe this war will be of a great benefit after all. We will find what real values lie behind us, we will find a profound knowledge of ourselves. I welcome you graduates who are to participate in the highest possible joy, on a glowing life, in the land of the free and the home of the brave."

The cornet solo by Mr. C. E. Henrich, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," was very enjoyable.

Liberty Bond Campaign.

It is apparent that no gathering of any kind will go unheeded in the campaign for the sale of Liberty Bonds. Attorney Clarence Griggs, president of the Chamber of Commerce, last evening urged the audience to perform their "bit" by purchasing one of Uncle Sam's war loans, declaring it to be an obligation of everyone who considered themselves American citizens.

Presentation of Diplomas.
Lorenzo Leland, president of the high school board, had the honor of presenting the graduates with diplomas. The following were the pupils who received the diplomas:

Luceia E. Acuff
Harriet C. Burster
Edna L. P. Barry
Edythe M. Burke
Isabelle W. Brown
James I. Bjelland
Cyrus P. Bradish
Archie Bradow
Mildred E. Calkins
Mary L. Chipon
Mary S. Caton
Margaret M. Donovan
Rita Dvorski
Esther L. Finley
Edith M. Frischaufer
Lathrop F. Follett
Margaret O. Goudoff
Elizabeth Gurney
Helen C. Gamber
Ruth M. Giffeller
Gladys M. Houston
Mamie Hopp
Sarah Ninette Hinkson
Elva Pauline Haskley
Charles A. Hilton
Charles A. Helfrich
Helen J. Jobst
Ruth L. Knapp
Delight A. Keenan
Albert M. Keim
Harley Lawson
Mildred J. Leibold
Jennie Clara Larson
Katherine E. Long
Helen T. Murphy
Marie W. Miller
Rosella F. Moss
Vera L. Morley
Lucille M. Moriarty
Leo J. Meady
Leo L. Myers
Glenn E. Mathes
William E. Murphy
Charles Mathiesen
Mary Lucile O'Connor
Margaret A. Olson
Oscar R. Osmundson
James L. O'Neill
Emily R. Palmer
Ruth M. Rees
Marie C. E. Rahfeldt
Matthew C. Roeder
Paul E. Roberts
Clara B. Smith
Gladys B. Stockley
Robert L. Steer
Walter L. Snook
Charles R. Sutton
Harold P. Shaver
Elizabeth H. Vincent
Mildred A. Wilder
Elsie K. Walking
Bertha L. Whitmore
Ethel Winkler
Paul G. Wood
Elsie R. Whitmore
Louise S. Waltem
Margaret Yentzer.

BEN. BOYCE JOINS ARMY; PRIVATE IN FIELD ARTILLERY

Emulating the example of other military sons, Ben S. Boyce, of this city, only son of W. D. Boyce, owner of the water power interests in Marquette and prominent publisher, has enlisted as a private in the United States field artillery. He is now at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and expects orders to be sent to El Paso, Texas. He enlisted in Chicago the day before Memorial day.

Ben spurned the suggestion to enter the officers training camp at Fort Sheridan, saying that he did not think he was qualified to become an officer, and asserting that he intended to start where he was qualified.

Has Served in France.

At the beginning of the European war Ben went to France and for some time drove an ambulance for the allies armies.

He also succeeded in making air flights with some of the aviators and had a great desire to become an aviator. He may yet be able to fly for the United States. While he entered the field artillery it is said to be his desire to get transferred to the aviation corps.

Ben likes the thrills of life and if ever given a chance as an aviator he may be expected to give a good account of himself. His enlistment as a private had the sanction of his father and mother, in this city, who were consulted before he entered the service.

He was manager of the Indianapolis Daily Times at the time of his enlistment.

WILLING CORPS OF HELPERS WORK UPON DRAFT DAY DETAILS

COUNTY CLERK VOLUNTEERS TACKLE MONUMENTAL TASK—REGISTRATION BOARD NEARING END OF ITS DUTIES.

By night it is expected that Sheriff Davis and his lieutenants—D. L. McKenny, William O'Connell and Axel Heiberg—will have La Salle county's draft cards so completely arranged that a summarized report of the large registration last Tuesday will be ready. These four men serving as an auxiliary for forwarding to Springfield and Washington.

County Clerk Bach and his deputies are working tooth and tongue to get all copying of cards completed by tomorrow night at the latest. The bulk of the detailed work reposes in Mr. Bach and his assistants and those who patriotically have offered their services in helping with the work. Fifty-four people of Ottawa and a few from out of town, are in Mr. Bach's office going thru this monumental mess of detail and at noon were only about half thru with the cards. Another fifty could easily be used and Mr. Bach is not only willing, but anxious to put on still more volunteers who want to help do their "bit" by aiding in this worthy cause.

The following is a list of those who have shown their patriotism by giving their country their time during this emergency:

Katherine Sinnott, Mrs. C. W. A. Lindemann, Norma Driscoll, Irene Hickok, Esther Sheehan, Anna Sheehan, Jennie Fraine, Emma Fraine, Sylvia Reardon, Nellie Maltz, Olive Murphy, Pauline Kinnerty, Jean Fleming, Anna Burke, Alice Ames, Mrs. Elery Tucker, Mrs. Ed. McCall, Clara Waldecker, Lucille Ryan, Jeannette Coble, Blanche Meady, Nora Quirkie, Alice Gleim, Rose Levy, Mildred Harwood, Lucille Ribbs, Dorothy Kelly, Louise Buchner, Miss Goudoff, Fern Pettit, Mrs. Vera H. Woodhert, Mrs. Edna Smith, Gladys Green, Mrs. Dan Hallowell, Elsie Prentice, Margaret Richardson, Ruth Bauman, Edna Sinden, Carrie Becker, Lara Bach, Leslie Tomlinson, Michael Hanifen, Dan Fitzgerald, John Buchner, Theron Byrne, Julius Richardson, Dale Morsh, M. W. Bach, C. W. A. Lindemann, T. O. Moore, W. H. A. Barnard, C. E. Knapp, R. C. Lucas, Axel Heiberg, Jr., Victor Sonntag, Joseph Dwyer, Mrs. Timothy Haley, Frances J. Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Osbourne, Helene Trumbo, Clayburn Tracker, Lillian Gary.

C. H. KINGMAN NEW ROTARIAN PRESIDENT; ELECTION HELD TODAY

At the meeting of the directors of the Rotary Club this morning at the high school, officers for the ensuing year were elected. Prof. C. H. Kingman, of the Ottawa high school, was named as president. Other officers were as follows:

Vice president—L. M. Bayne.
Secretary—F. C. Beem.
Treasurer—W. W. Nash.
Sergeant at Arms—Morris W. Matthews.

Mr. Kingman was former secretary of the Rotary Club and took the place of Jason F. Richardson, Jr., who was president for the past year.

MISS KRAFT GETS FLATTERING OFFER; MAY LEAVE OTTAWA

Miss Catherine Kraft, under whose direction Ottawa's public health nursing department has made such rapid strides forward, that the association is now looked upon as one of the most progressive and best result-getting organizations in the state, may leave the city as a result of a flattering offer received by her without solicitation on her part.

A large county in Virginia is seeking the services of an experienced public health nurse who will take charge of the county's department along that line, and offered the post to Miss Kraft. As the office carries with it pay amounting to more than \$300 a year than Ottawa is now paying her, it is not expected that she be forced to stay here at such a sacrifice.

Miss Kraft's term does not expire until September and members of the Public Health association are hopeful of retaining Miss Kraft's services until that time.

EXPECT FEW CHANGES IN TEACHING FORCE

O. H. S. FACULTY, REPORTS CLAIM, WILL ONLY BE SLIGHTLY CHANGED NEXT YEAR—TWO TEACHERS TAKEN FROM WORK BY WAR.

Indications are that there will be few changes in the teaching force of the Ottawa high school next year, according to information received this morning by a Free Trader-Journal reporter. Miss Hazlett, English teacher, and Miss Lewis, a teacher of French, may not be back next year, while Miss Alma Carlson, office employee is not likely to be employed in the same position next year.

War Takes Two Instructors.
Carl Whitney, "math" teacher and coach, is at Ft. Sheridan training with the Officers' Reserve Corps, and is not likely to be back. Paul S. Beard, athletic instructor, who is at Ft. Sheridan, will not be back next year.

The following teachers, however, will be back: Prof. C. H. Kingman, principal; W. H. Howard, assistant principal; T. O. Moore, Mrs. Sparks, Miss Robinson, Mr. Hoff, Miss Fallins, Miss Caton, Mr. Snyder, Miss Wilson, Miss Baldwin, Miss Clegg and Mr. Lipp and Miss Bane. Miss Ham will be employed in the office. Mr. Frankenhauer as assistant to Mr. Snyder and Mr. Murphy as engineer and John Montgomery as custodian of the building and superintendent of grounds.

SOLDIER AND NEWS PAPER GIRL MARRY AT HISTORIC PARK

Here's a real romantic wedding and one in which a newspaper woman plays the prominent part. 'Tis truly a war bride romance, for the groom is on a leave of absence from the U. S. hospital service.

This morning Miss Edna Ethel Cordell, society editor of the Macomb Bystander, and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Cordell, prominent Macomb residents, and Frank Larmer, pharmacist in the Second Field Hospital, on leave of absence, were married at noon today on top of Starved Rock. Rev. C. A. Briggs, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated. The young couple were attended by Miss Grace Cordell, a sister, Miss Bertha Farnham, of Champaign, and Ernest McLean, of Highland Park. The ring ceremony was used and the young couple were made man and wife, just as the whistles in the Illinois valley were screeching the noon hour, the sound of which is discernable on top of this historic spot.

Instead of a bank of flowers, which usually characterizes the home wedding, the soft velvet grass that carpets Starved Rock, was used.

The bridal party then retired to the hotel where host Touton has prepared a real bridal dinner with all the frills.

Rev. Briggs and his wife, who motored the bridal party to the wedding scene, were guests at the dinner.

The bride is a graduate of the University of Illinois and the Illinois Normal school and has been prominent in the social life of Macomb.

The groom is graduate of the medical school of Virginia, and was a resident of Macomb, Ill., until Uncle Sam is sued his call for volunteers. He secured a leave of absence that he might be married. Mr. Larmer, however, will leave in a short time for France with the U. S. hospital units.

RED CROSS NURSES DO SCHOOL WORK

Miss Valerie Rittenhauer, a trained Red Cross nurse, has arrived in Ottawa to assume charge of school inspections and will remain here during the remainder of the month of June.

Miss Rittenhauer is a skilled nurse and only recently completed eight months' course in the Chicago School of Philanthropy and is a graduate from a large Chicago hospital.

To complete her course, Miss Rittenhauer was compelled to obtain a month's experience in some "rural district." Ottawa in hospital vernacular being considered as "rural" as compared to Chicago, New York or Wedron.

WILSON THANKS OTTAWA FOR LOYALTY

President Griggs of the Chamber of Commerce today was in receipt of a letter from President Wilson thanking the Chamber of Commerce for their good will and kind message which the president says greatly helped to reassure him of the patriotism and loyalty of the people of the city of Ottawa.

COMPANY C FINDS PRISON GUARD DUTY NOT AN EASY LIFE

OTTAWA SOLDIERS UNDER SAME REGULATIONS THAT PREVAIL FOR FELONS—ARE NOT PERMITTED PAPERS OR ANY FREEDOM BUT GET GOOD FOOD.

Members of Company C, according to reports from Joliet, where the Ottawa command is on guard duty at the prison, are under military discipline to the nth degree—far more so than if they were on actual war duty.

Besides following the plain military regulations the soldiers are under almost as strict rules as the prisoners themselves. They are housed in what is known as the band building, a structure near the western part of the inner court. They are penned there when "off duty" and, while they are "on duty" are forced to patrol the entire prison yard and cell houses. Regular prison guards are given three meals, their hours of sleep and their rights to pass to and from the court as usual. Members of the companies are locked in as tightly as any of the convicts and are not permitted to even have their newspapers, as newspapers within the prison are considered contraband.

Reports are, however, that the quarters are comfortable and that the food is of the very best quality, while the men realizing the importance of their task are not discontented with their lot. They look upon the experience in the proper light and are content they can get along for the short period their services will be required.

Shortly after their arrival at the penitentiary yesterday morning Company C went on guard and were relieved this morning by members of Company L, who started their twenty-four hour grind of guarding the prisoners.

Mess is served in the officers' dining hall. The very best of foods are being provided, tho it is impossible to seat the entire list of soldiers at one table. They are ushered into the dining room in squads of about twenty, and when they have been empty provided for, a new relay takes their places, and so on until all have been given their chuck.

Preparations are being made for a stay of two weeks or more. Officials of the prison are confident it will take a month to straighten out the chaotic condition that followed last Tuesday's riots.

State Conducts Inquiry.

Joliet, June 8.—State authorities today are making a sweeping investigation into riots that threw Joliet prison into turmoil Tuesday and which resulted in calling Company C, of Ottawa, and Company L, of Kankakee to relieve members of the First I. N. G., who were first on the scene to quell the revolt, but who were forced because of their assignment to federal duty to return to their regular duties.

Three men face indictment by Will county grand jury as a result of their participation in the uprising. They are John Murphy, received from Chicago, January 3, 1915; Harry Evans, another Cook county felon received in May, 1915, and Roy White, a Kankakee negro, all of whom are serving indeterminate terms for robbery.

Murphy Leader.

Murphy, with a ball and chain attached to his leg as punishment for a recent attempt to escape, was prominent among the rioters. Carrying the heavy iron ball in his hand he ran from place to place in the yard officials say. Where he went trouble started.

Murphy, it is said to have been the man who fired the oil house. Guards state that the building burst into flames as he came running from the door. Peter Waters, who was injured by a brick thrown by one of the convicts, says Murphy was the man who hurled the missile. This corresponds to the statement of Fire Chief Royce, for whom the missile was intended, who said it was a convict with a ball and chain who threw the brick.

Attempted Escape.

Murphy recently attempted to escape by constructing a false bottom in a garbage receptacle. He was injured when prodding irons used by guards at the gate reached his hiding place and his attempt to leave the prison discovered. His presence was first suspected by Henry Reitz, who noticed the excessive weight of the receptacle.

Word from Springfield and plans announced by Warden Bowen today indicated an early return to the lockstep, few privileges and rigid discipline.

Warden Bowen has not received word of the governor's order for a return to the lockstep, but admitted that in other ways the prison would return to the strict regime discontinued.

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GENERAL PERSHING AND STAFF SAFE IN ENGLAND; MEN TO FOLLOW

RAIL OFFICIALS ASK OTTAWA DEALERS TO BOOST RATE RAISE

C. B. & Q. AND C. R. I. & P. CHIEFS VISIT CITY IN INTEREST OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE FREIGHT COSTS—SOME LINES FACE DEFICIT.

Prominent officials of the C. B. & Q. and C. R. I. & P. Railway Companies, were in Ottawa yesterday afternoon conferring with Ottawa shippers in relation to an increase in freight rates, which in all probability will be permitted by the interstate commerce commission and the state utility commissions, unless there is an organized fight against the increase by the shippers thruout the country.

The railway officials who were here yesterday were as follows: M. A. Patterson, assistant general freight agent Rock Island lines; E. A. Tuttle, division freight agent C. B. & Q.; E. R. Puffer, general freight agent C. B. & Q. and Harry E. Duvall, division freight agents Rock Island lines. These gentlemen arrived in Ottawa yesterday noon in a special car, and during the course of the afternoon visited the Federal Plate Glass Works, the sand companies and other heavy Ottawa shippers.

The railways' burden is becoming greater than the railways can carry, according to statements made by these officials. Operating expenses have increased so rapidly that every railroad in this vicinity is facing a deficit for the end of the fiscal year.

As an illustration as what confronts the railroads of Illinois during 1917 the following table of estimated increase in operating expenses of the I. C. C. B. & Q. and C. R. I. & P. due to increases in wages, taxes, cost of fuel and all materials entering into operation for the year of 1917:

Increase in wages, 1917, \$ 6,564,976.08
Increase in cost of fuel 4,998,529.40
Increase in cost of material 7,464,117.84
Increase in taxes 698,162.90

Total increase now accruing and known \$18,544,826.32
Estimated further increases which are likely to accrue, account wages, fuel and material and other items, \$5, 617,411.42.

Total of known and estimated increases for railroads shown above is \$24,162,237.75.

During the last two years material items used in the construction work has doubled and tripled and during the last thirty days some items have increased fifty per cent. Nails have increased from \$1.68 to \$3.25; car axels from \$1.33 to \$5.10; castings from 2 cents a pound to 7 cents; galvanized sheets from \$2.53 to \$3.85; barged wire from \$2.19 to \$4.22; locomotives from \$21,777 to \$47,690; gondola cars, 50-ton capacity, \$909 to \$2,027; box cars, \$804 to \$1,825.

These are only a few of the items that are causing the railway officials to worry. The increase asked for is fifteen per cent and the interstate commerce commission has acceded to the demands of the railroads but before the increase becomes effective the interstate commerce commission requires that some action be taken by the different utility bodies of the various states.

Petitions have been filed with the state utilities asking that the increase be permitted on state freight to correspond with the rates to be allowed with interstate freight. It is for the purpose of securing the co-operation of shippers that the railways officials are now making a hurried canvass of the company.

ROMANCE BEGUN IN CHILDHOOD CLOSES IN MARRIAGE HERE

A childhood romance that began in Lewiston, Ill., fifteen years ago, when the principals were boy and girl friends, culminated yesterday in Ottawa when Miss Edna B. Gratton, of Sheridan, became the bride of Lawrence M. Campbell, of the same village.

The ceremony was performed at Christ Episcopal church with Rev. G. W. Farrar officiating. The attendants were Lawrence Campbell, Sr., and Miss Bernice Campbell, father and sister of the groom.

Following the ceremony the bridal party left on their wedding trip. On their return they will take up their residence near Sheridan.

"BLACK JACK" ARRIVES IN PORT; TO LEAVE FOR FRANCE

FLASH WORD TO U. S.

OFFICIAL WASHINGTON ADMITS LEADER OF AMERICAN FORCES IS IN EUROPE PREPARING THE CAMPS FOR REGULAR ARMY TROOPERS.

PERSHING ARRIVES IN ENGLAND.

London, June 8.—General John Pershing, commander of the United States expeditionary forces in France, has arrived at an English port.

General Pershing was accompanied by his staff.

It is believed that the trip was without incident and that no submarines were sighted.

News of the safe arrival of General Pershing was given out officially.

General Pershing was in good health and fine spirits. When told the news of his departure from United States had been suppressed so successfully, he expressed great surprise.

"I didn't expect that," said the American soldier. "Why, I thought every one knew I was coming."

Washington, June 8.—Reports reaching Washington today that General Pershing and his staff have landed safely at an English port en route to France were accepted as true by War Department officials in the absence of a report from General Pershing himself, however, it was said that no statement regarding the commanding general of the first expedition to France or his plans could be made as yet.

It is understood here that General Pershing and his staff with his force of orderlies, will proceed to France without delay. The War Department is anxious that General Pershing get down to business soon as possible.

His first work in France will be to confer with the French authorities and then establish the camps where his troops are to be trained as fast as possible. It is stated as the War Department here that General Joffre has been assigned to do everything possible for the American expedition.

General Pershing sailed from an American port more than a week ago, accompanied by the members of his personal staff and a force of orderlies detailed from the second cavalry. The personnel of his staff has not been announced as yet. He will have with him in France when the armies can be completed, a division of regulars and a regiment of marines, according to the official announcement previously made by the War Department. Later additional forces are to be sent across.

It already has been made plain at the War Department that elected units of the National Guard which is to be called into the Federal service within a short time are also destined for duty in France. Naturally there will be no announcement of just what these units will comprise, neither will any details be given of the makeup of the Pershing division other than what has already been announced.

It was accepted here today that the vessel on which General Pershing made the trip was met well outside the danger zone by American and British destroyers who accompanied it to the port of destination. Inasmuch as it had been accepted that the German submarines would make a determined drive against the vessel on which the General made the trip officials were well pleased when the cable reports that he was safe on British soil reached here.

It is not believed that there will be any danger to the general and his party in getting across the channel to French soil. The troop routes from England to the continent are absolutely secure from attack by German submarines. They are patrolled with submarine nets which reach from shore to shore, the meshes of a strait to delay any mine cutting device of German invention. Already the British have poured more than five million men across this lane without a single casualty.

Asks Divorce.

Mrs. Susan Smith Meagher today filed suit for divorce in the Circuit Court from Dennis A. Meagher, whom she married June 23, 1907, and separated from him August 17, 1916. Mrs. Meagher alleges drunkenness, cruelty and non-support. She asks the privilege of resuming her maiden name—Susan Smith.